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1. SUMMARY: USLO OFFICER TRAVELED TO TATUNG IN SHANSI PROVINCE JULY 19-20. LOCAL OFFICIALS ARRANGED A VISIT TO THE CHINHUAKUNG (NUMBER NINE) COAL MINE. CHINHUAKUNG MINE OFFICIAL SAID THAT 1976 PRODUCTION FOR THE TATUNG MINING BUREAU WAS 18 MILLION TONS; 1977 TARGET IS 21 MILLION TONS (REPORTED REFTEL). RAILWAY TRANSPORT STILL APPEARS TO BE A BOTTLENECK. NO SIGNS OF POLITICAL UNREST OR ACTIVITY WERE SEEN. MINERS ARE EXPECTING A SALARY ADJUSTMENT IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1977. END SUMMARY.

2. USLO OFFICER VISITED THE CHINHUAKUNG (NUMBER NINE) MINE, THE MOST PRODUCTIVE OF THE 13 STATE-RUN MINES UNDER THE TATUNG MINING BUREAU.
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ACCORDING TO MINE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, CHINHUAKUNG PRODUCTION IN 1976 WAS 2.4 MILLION TONS. TARGET FOR 1977 IS 2.5 MILLION TONS. THE TARGET IS MODEST BECAUSE, HAVING ALREADY DOUBLED ITS "DESIGNED CAPACITY," EXPANSION OF OUTPUT IS DIFFICULT AND CURRENT PRODUCTION ALREADY STRAINS

TRANSPORT CAPACITY. USLO OFFICER SAW EVIDENCE OF THE TRANSPORT PROBLEM IN THE FORM OF A 15-20 FOOT HIGH MOUNTAIN OF COAL WITH A BASE LARGER THAN A FOOTBALL FIELD AWAITING TRANSPORT.

3. THE SAME SOURCE REPORTED THAT 1976 PRODUCTION FOR THE TATUNG MINING BUREAU AS A WHOLE WAS 18 MILLION TONS. THIS YEAR'S TARGET IS 21 MILLION TONS. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE PRODUCTION FROM LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED MINES IN THE TATUNG AREA.

4. NO POLITICAL POSTERS WERE OBSERVED IN TATUNG. THE CITY WAS CALM. MINERS ARE EXPECTING A PAY INCREASE WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE CHINHUAKUNG RC CHAIRMAN, CHAIRMAN HUA AND OTHER NATIONAL LEADERS HAD SAID WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1977. AT PRESENT THE AVERAGE WAGE FOR MINE WORKERS IS 74 YUAN. (COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY HEARD FACTORY OFFICIALS INDICATE THAT A WAGE INCREASE IS EXPECTED LATER IN 1977, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE HEARD THEM QUOTE HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS ON THE SUBJECT).

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5. THE RAILYARD IN TATUNG STATION APPEARED REMARKABLY INACTIVE AT 2:00 PM ON JULY 20. PARADOXICALLY, FREIGHT TRAINS RUNNING FROM PEKING TOWARD TATUNG WERE OBSERVED AT AN AVERAGE OF ONE EVERY 15 MINUTES. MOST OF THE TRAINS WERE PULLED BY DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES. (COMMENT: PREVALENCE OF DIESELS ON THIS LINE COMPARED WITH OTHERS PROBABLY INDICATES THE HIGH PRIORITY GIVEN COAL TRANSPORT.)

6. DETAILED ACCOUNT OF MINE VISIT TO FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM.DEAN

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